

The City Council of the City of Tuskegee met in regular session on Tuesday, May 26, 2015 at 6:00 P.M. in the L.M. Gregg Auditorium at the Municipal Complex located at 101 Fonville Street.

1. **CALL TO ORDER.** *Mayor Johnny Ford.*
2. **INVOCATION.** *Rev. William Lennard.*
3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.** Repeated in Unison.
4. **ROLL CALL.** *Fartima B. Clark, City Clerk.*

**PRESENT**

Mayor Johnny Ford  
Mayor Pro-Tempore Lawrence F. Haygood, Jr.  
Councilwoman Georgette White Moon  
Councilwoman Ala Whitehead

**ABSENT**

Councilman Frank Christopher Lee, II

5. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA.**

Motion was made by Councilwoman Whitehead to accept and approve the amended agenda with the following additions/deletions: (removing Tiger Spirits Package Store); adding: Skegee Grub Mart (set hearing); FEMA Grant Award and Executive Session. Councilwoman Moon seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Ford declared the motion carried.

6. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES.** (May 12, 2015)

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tempore Haygood to accept and approve the minutes of May 12, 2015 as circulated with the following correction: clarify that the citizens supports urgent care but they did not support the City backing the urgent care financing. Councilwoman Whitehead seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Ford declared the motion carried.

7. **CITIZEN'S COMMUNICATIONS:**

1. Archie Simpson RE: letter to Mr. Smith regarding Irene Street Paving
2. Melvin Adams RE: Thanks for assistance with cleaning at four cemeteries for Memorial Day Service

8. **MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS.** *Mayor Johnny Ford*

- A. City Council Work Session.
- B. Wayne Rowe (RE: Quality of Life)
- C. Frank Barragan (RE: Immigrant Fairness)
- D. Emergency Care / Urgent Care.
- E. Announcements.

9. **SGA /OTHER AGENCIES, ETC. COMMUNICATIONS.** *NONE.*

10. **CITY MANAGER'S COMMUNICATIONS.** Harvey L. Smith, City Manager.

- A. Council Updates.
- B. Street Maintenance Activities.
- C. City Council Concerns.
- D. Financial Report.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tempore Haygood to receive the financial report as circulated and that there be a financial meeting prior to the next council meeting (June 9<sup>th</sup>) at 4:00PM. Councilwoman Moon seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Ford declared the motion carried.

- E. Head Start Report:
  - 1. Executive Director's Report (Apr 2015)
  - 2. Enrollment and Attendance Report (Apr 2015)
  - 3. Monthly Summary of Meals and Snacks Provided through USDA (Apr 2015)
  - 4. Revenue & Expenditure Report including Credit Card Report (Apr 2015)

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tempore Haygood to receive the Head Start report as circulated with commendations to the Head Start Director and that special notice be made to the community to support Head Start. Councilwoman Moon seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Ford declared the motion carried.

- F. Closing of Alexander Street. (*Set Hearing*)

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tempore Haygood to set a public hearing regarding the closing of Alexander Street for the purpose of extending the nursing home six weeks from the this council meeting to be held on Tuesday, July 14, 2015 at 6:30 PM. Councilwoman Whitehead seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Ford declared the motion carried.

- G. Skegee Grub Mart (set hearing)

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tempore Haygood to set the Public Hearing for Skegee Grub Mart on Tuesday, June 9, 2015 at 6:30 PM. Councilwoman Moon seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Ford declared the motion carried.

- H. Green Global. (Warren Crawley)

- I. Fire Dept.: Receive FEMA Grant Award

Motion was made by Councilwoman Whitehead to accept the grant award from FEMA in the amount of \$642,857 for the purchase of a Fire Truck, to pay the match amount of \$32,143.00 and to pay the consulting amount of \$30,612.00 to JMCM Consulting. Mayor Ford seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Ford declared the motion carried.

- J. Employee Recognitions:
  - Fire Dept.: Capt. Willie Smith "30 Years of Service"

- K. Announcements:
  - Older Americans Month Celebration, May 29, 2015, 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM, Municipal Complex

11. **ORDINANCES.** NONE.

12. **RESOLUTIONS:**

A. Resolution No. 2015-61. A Resolution on Immigrant Fairness.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Whitehead approving a resolution to support the efforts of immigrant fairness. Councilwoman Moon seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Ford declared the motion carried.

**CITY OF TUSKEGEE, ALABAMA**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2015-61**

**A RESOLUTION REGARDING THE TREATMENT OF NONCITIZEN VICTIMS, WITNESSES,  
SUSPECTS AND DETAINEES**

**WHEREAS**, The City Council of the City of Tuskegee, Alabama, as the governing body of Tuskegee, Alabama, values the life of each of its citizens and the national origin of each; and that of every person that resides in Tuskegee;

**WHEREAS**, the City, through its delivery of services, treats all individuals the same and does not discriminate against anyone based on age; disability; national origin; race or color; religion; sex or other constitutionally prohibited bases of discrimination; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Tuskegee, as a matter of public safety, treats all individuals fairly and with respect; and

**WHEREAS**, the City treats individuals who are not or are perceived to not be United States citizens, including individuals suspected of violating the federal civil immigration laws as deserving of due process; and

**WHEREAS**, the City, through its Police Department equally enforces the laws and serves the public without consideration of immigration status, race, national origin, or ethnicity, and upholds the constitution of the laws of the United States and the State of Alabama; and

**WHEREAS**, the perceived or actual immigration status of a person, or the lack of immigration documentation, shall have no bearing on the manner in which City of Tuskegee officials, officers and employees execute their duties; and

**WHEREAS**, unless otherwise provided by the United States Constitution and laws of the United States, and/or the laws and constitution of the State of Alabama, citizenship, immigration status, national origin, race, ethnicity, and the presence of an immigration detainer request, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, notification request, administrative immigration warrant, or other civil immigration custody documents should have no bearing on an individual's treatment in police custody (including but not limited to classification status, eligibility for work programs, or eligibility for pretrial diversion or alternatives to incarceration programs), or on officials' decisions to initiate questioning, stops or make arrests; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Tuskegee, Alabama**

1. The above recitals are true and correct;
2. The City of Tuskegee states its belief and concurrence with the declaration that all men are created equal and are that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.
3. The City Council of the City of Tuskegee, as the legislative branch of municipal government, embraces the separation of powers; and adopts the within resolution, while in no way infringing upon the powers and prerogatives of any other branch of municipal government.

**APPROVED AND ADOPTED** this the 26<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2015.



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Johnny Ford, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Harvey L. Smith, City Manager

B. Resolution No. 2015-62. 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Head Start.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Moon approving a resolution commending Head Start on the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Mayor Pro-Tempore Haygood seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Ford declared the motion carried.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2015-62**  
50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Head Start

**WHEREAS**, the City of Tuskegee joins with the rest of the Nation supporting our children in their earliest years with high-quality care and education. That is one of the best investments we can make as a Nation and a City. For 50 years, Head Start has helped to lift up millions of America's children and their families in communities across our country. The oldest and largest Federal program to deliver high-quality early learning opportunities to low-income children, Head Start was founded on the idea that every child no matter who they are, what they look like, or where they grow up deserves the chance to reach their full potential. Since 1965, when President Lyndon B. Johnson signed legislation for the "Great Society" it has given meaning to the simple truth that in America, where you start should not determine how far you can go.

**WHEREAS**, as stated by President Barack Obama, "The history of Head Start has taught us that if our Nation invests in the future of all our children, we can strengthen our economy, bolster our communities, and give every young person the chance to build a better life." On the 50th anniversary of Head Start, let us commit ourselves to building an education system worthy of our daughters' and sons' enormous potential, and to providing a strong, healthy, and safe head start in life for all of America's children. In Tuskegee let us follow through with the building of a central location in a new facility where all children will continue learning and developing preparing themselves for their future.

**NOW THEREFORE**, I, Johnny Ford, Mayor, of the City of Tuskegee, Alabama and on behalf of the City Council do hereby do recognize the good works done by Head Start during the last 50 years educating the children of Tuskegee and Macon County.

In witness I have hereunto set my hands and caused this seal to be affixed this 26<sup>th</sup> day of May 2015



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Mayor

C. Resolution No. 2015-63. Appreciation to Clarence Ball for making the Salem Nursing & Rehabilitation Building available to the City of Tuskegee

Motion was made by Councilwoman Whitehead approving a resolution expressing appreciation to Clarence Ball for making the Salem Nursing & Rehabilitation Building available to the City of Tuskegee. Mayor Pro-Tempore Haygood seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Ford declared the motion carried.

13. **CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT.**

Attorney Gray stated that he has been involved in several of the litigated cases. He also stated that he continually on a regular basis stays in contact with the City Manager and other City Dept. Heads on legal matters of the City. Atty. Gray stated that he has the confidential reports available.

14. **EXECUTIVE SESSION / OTHER BUSINESS.**

7:57 PM Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tempore Haygood to start the Executive Session to discuss good name in character and legal matters. Councilwoman Moon seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Ford declared the motion carried.

8:29 PM Motion was made by Councilwoman Whitehead to end the Executive Session. Councilwoman Moon seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Ford declared the motion carried.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tempore Haygood to set the public hearing at the council meeting after the June 9<sup>th</sup> meeting (July 14, 2015) for the purpose of accepting a certain rezoning that was recommended by the Planning Commission on the property located on Notasulga Highway. Councilwoman Moon seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Ford declared the motion carried.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tempore Haygood to oppose the 2.2% utility tax increase to Municipalities. Councilwoman Moon seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Ford declared the motion carried.

There being no further matters to come before the Council at this time, Councilwoman Moon moved to adjourn at 8:30 PM. Mayor Ford declared the meeting adjourned.

CITY OF TUSKEGEE, ALABAMA



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Johnny Ford, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Fartima B. Clark, City Clerk